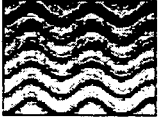


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Nicholas
Mastrota/DC/USEPA/US
05/01/2008 04:45 PM

To Norman Spurling/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
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Subject Fw: Pesticide incidents

Norman,

This email from CA Fish & Game provides an update to a previous incident and also reports on a new incident. The zinc phosphide goose kill incident in Chino was previously reported in incident reports I018804-001, I018745-001, I018984-023, and I019283-001. The incident of dead barn owls in Yolo County is new.

Nick

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"Stella McMillin"
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05/01/2008 04:04 PM

To Nicholas Mastrota/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
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Subject Re: Pesticide incidents

Hi Nicholas,

Wow, that's quite a loss up in Oregon. Have they figured out yet how that happened?

001
There was a label violation for the zinc phosphide goose kill in Chino last year. The applicator had not prebaited and was fined by the San Bernardino County Agricultural Commissioner.

-002
I've only had one incident that looks pesticide-related since we talked last. There were a dozen or so barn owls found dead in Yolo County. They tested positive for brodifacoum. With the widespread detections of brodifacoum in predatory birds, I can't say for sure that this is the cause of death. I'm running a second set of samples before I write a report.

Stella

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Hi Stella,

In reference to the 11 geese that were killed by zinc phosphide poisoning at Chino Prison last year, did you reach any conclusion as to

the legality of the use of zinc phosphide bait? Was there any evidence of misuse?

FYI, there was just another larger kill of geese in Oregon that was linked to zinc phosphide. I do not know if you heard about it. I am attaching a release from Oregon Fish & Wildlife and a couple of articles on it.

(See attached file: Final dead geese.pdf) (See attached file: www.statesmanjournal.com article.pdf) (See attached file: SJArticle-804220342[1].pdf)

Have you any new wildlife incidents in California that have been linked to pesticides? Thanks for your help.

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